

Poll Worker Applicant Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements to be a poll worker?

- You must be a U.S. citizen.
- You must be at least 18 years of age and registered to vote in Stark County.
- You must not have been convicted of a felony.
- You cannot be a candidate who is on the ballot in the precinct you are working.
- You must complete and return a “status sheet,” so you can be entered into our payroll database.

What do poll workers do?

Four poll workers work together as a team to set up the precinct before the polls open. While the polls are open, each worker will have a specific job to help process voters. (Breaks are permitted throughout the day to stretch and/or eat.) Once the polls close at 7:30pm, you will work together as a team to pack everything up in the car of the person who brought the supplies. Judge 1 and another worker will be paid extra to drop off the supplies at a location near where you work.

Summary of job assignments:

- **Judge 1:** picks up supplies before Election Day and brings them to the polls for set-up, checks voter ID and has voters sign in book, returns supplies at the end of the day
- **Judge 2:** keeps a list of who comes in and votes, helps return supplies at the end of the day
- **Judge 3:** makes voter cards for the voting machines
- **Judge 4:** hands out stickers and helps with any paper ballots that are needed

Where would I work?

We will assign you to a precinct as close to home as possible. We will work with you to accommodate any request. Many poll workers are reassigned to the same post as worked in previous elections.

Most poll workers work within 10-15 minutes of their home. We also need workers who are willing to travel within the county. Please let us know if you're flexible about where you're willing to work.

Can my friend/spouse work with me?

We have many couples and friends who work together. The sooner you ask, the easier it will be for us to place you together. We do our best to accommodate every request.

When would I work?

There are two elections this year: **March 15, 2016** and **November 8, 2016**. You would work from 5:30am until around 8:30pm, depending on how quickly your team is able to close the precinct.

When and where is training?

Training starts three weeks preceding the election. Multiple classes are available to attend. You will be paid to attend training. When we contact you about an assignment, we will schedule you into a class. If this class time ends up not working for you, please call (330) 451-7010 at your earliest convenience to reschedule.

All training classes are at our office: 3525 Regent Ave. NE, Canton, OH 44705. We're on Route 62 located next door to the Goodwill store, and not far from Wal-Mart and K-mart.

How will you contact me about working?

There are two main ways we contact our workers: by phone, or by mail. In most cases, we will call you on the phone. Please be sure to answer and/or check your voicemail. When we find the "perfect fit," we will send your assignment in the mail along with your training class information and an absentee ballot application. We will need you to return this to us to confirm your availability to work.

How would I vote if I don't end up working at my precinct?

When we mail you your assignment it will also contain an absentee application. If you complete the absentee portion and send it back to us, we will mail you a paper ballot. You can either mail the ballot back, or bring it with you when you come to training.

If you prefer to vote in person, you can come into our office for early voting. Contact our office for hours.

How and when do I get paid?

Checks are mailed out 2-3 weeks after Election Day. If you need to pick up your check, please call (330) 451-7008 to make arrangements.

Pay rates:

Presiding Judge (Judge 1): \$121.50 (plus \$5.00 for having a cell phone)

Judges 2-4: \$101.50 (plus \$10.00 if you are asked to help return supplies)

Training: \$20.00-30.00 for attending class, depending on the length



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